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In the application of:

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Application No.: 09/781,833

Filing Date: 09/781,833

For: METHOD FOR FORMING

MICROELECTRONIC SPRING STRUCTURES ON A SUBSTRATE Examiner: Anita K. Alanko

Group Art Unit: 1765

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to <u>WITHDRAW</u> the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed November 10, 2004 for the following reasons:

- 1. The co-pending priority application No. 09/364,788 became abandoned for failure to respond to an office action mailed on September 12, 2003, because Applicants did not receive the action.
- Applicants filed a "Request to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Due to Lost or Missing Office Action Indicated to have been Mailed by USPTO" on August 27, 2004, which was made of record in the USPTO on August 30, 2004. See copy of PAIR print out for Application No. 09/364,788 attached.

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3. Applicants fully expect their request will be honored and Application No. 09/364,788 will be restored to pending status.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss Applicants objection to entering the Examiner's Amendment she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 925-290-4028.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 10, 2005

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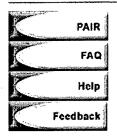
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